

SEARCH TEAM MANAGER

I. Functional Description

The Search Team Manager is responsible for managing the search function of the task force and supervising the Canine Search Specialists and Technical Search Specialists. The Search Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

II. Description of Duties

The Search Team Manager is responsible for the following:

- Developing and implementing the search component of the task force tactical action plan
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising all search and reconnaissance activities
- Participating in the oversight, administrative and operational control of the development, implementation and operational aspects of search component training (Canine Search Specialists, Technical Search Specialists and Search Team Managers)
- Participating in the Canine Search Specialist evaluation process at the task force level
- Providing research and development input at the task force level for the implementation and evaluation of new technologies, equipment, tactics and skills as they pertain to the search component
- Land navigation and site mapping
- Determining search and reconnaissance operational, organizational and logistical needs
- Ensuring that all assigned personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes to include briefings and debriefings
- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Providing situation updates, documenting and maintaining records and reports
- Providing oversight for accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued/assigned equipment
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

III. Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Search Team Managers in the National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers, capable of effectively managing and supervising the search component, in the urban disaster environment.

IV. Required Training

The Search Team Manager shall adhere to the following:

- Meet all administrative and general training requirements
- Complete the National US&R Response System Technical Search Specialist Course
- Complete the National US&R Response System Canine Search Specialist Course
- Have experience in technical or canine search operations to include but not limited to participation in field exercise(s) and SAR deployments or equivalent qualification as determined by the Sponsoring Agency (This requirement does not apply to those members rostered as Search Team Managers prior to July 1, 2008)

V. Recommended Training

The Search Team Manager should complete the following:

- The National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Technician Course
- The National US&R Response System Task Force Leader Course
- The National US&R Response System Planning Team Training Course
- Technical rescue technician-level skill sets
- The National US&R Response System GPS/Land Navigation Technician Course
- ICS-300 in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum Training Development
- The requirements of NFPA 1006 (2008) Technical Rescuer Levels 1 and 2 (excluding Chapter 1: Administration, Section 1.3.3)
 - Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements
 - Chapter 6: Rope Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
 - Chapter 7: Confined Space Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
 - Chapter 8: Trench Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
 - Chapter 10: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
 - Chapter 11: Surface Water Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)

- A canine emergency field care course
- The National US&R Response System Search Planning and Management Course